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SUBJECT: Psychological Warfare Intelligence Requirements

1. Confidential informational requirements to meet the needs of offices within the Agency studying the potentialities of psychological warfare are attached.

2. It is believed that much of this information is not to be found in monitored radio broadcasts. Many of the listed items are of obvious import for which we need no special direction; others are served adequately in the Editorial Target Lists; a few relate to certain items of intelligence interest which might be generally overlooked and discarded in the process of editorial selection.

3. Without prejudice to the primary mission, Field Bureau Chiefs will alert appropriate staff members to the need for information as set forth in the attachment. This material may be filed to Washington via normal teletype facilities but, if the nature of the information does not warrant rapid transmission, air mail will suffice.

4. Responsive information received in Departmental Headquarters but not published in the Daily Report will be transmitted by the Chief, Editorial Branch, FBID, to FBID Liaison Officer for further dissemination to interested consumers.

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Attachment

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF PW INTELLIGENCE

I. In general, information is desired which personalizes and/or discredits conditions in satellite countries and questions the integrity of Communist leaders and sympathizers; colorful details should not be omitted; it should be specified whether the information is factual or rumored, and an assessment of its accuracy should be given. Local items are as important as information on the country as a whole.

II. The following groupings have been devised for convenience and to reflect the major emphasis of the information. It is obvious that some of the items could be properly considered under any of several headings.

A. Political Indoctrination:

1. Size, morale, and loyalty of the Communist Party membership, with special emphasis on the extent of sympathy for "National Communism."
2. Communist Party transmission belts and official organs, including the names of outstanding officials of trade unions, editorial staffs of newspapers, women's and academic organizations.
3. Instructions for Party agitators, block watchmen, janitors, and school principals.
4. Required songs for children, women's organizations, workers and soldiers.
5. Data on collectivization, revealing anti-Kulak acts or propaganda; also data showing peasant opposition.
6. Reports on kidnapping of children; also large-scale evacuations of families from their home areas.
7. Information describing subjugation of interests of minority groups.

B. Police and Terror:

1. Terror methods.
2. Location and size of prisons and concentration camps, police headquarters, torture chambers.
3. Tortures used, chief torturers, etc.
4. Conditions in the prisons and concentration camps.
5. Names of police spies, informers and agent provocateurs.

C. Economic Conditions:

1. Wages and working conditions.

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2. Prices paid producers for their goods, and prices paid by consumers.
3. Severe shortages or surpluses; data on rations and rationing violations.
4. Crop conditions.
5. Weather conditions having effect on living standards, such as drought and floods.
6. Prevalence of black market activities and black market prices.
7. Data on comparative living conditions, such as in city and country, or between farmers and workers.
8. Inequalities existing between Party and non-Party members, government officials and private citizens, farmers and workers.
9. Data on the position of the small businessman, such as restrictive regulations.
10. Currency and public acceptance thereof; reports of impending devaluation of currency.
11. Data on Communist maladministration.
12. Public health; availability of medicines, prevalence of epidemics, conditions in hospitals.
13. Reports on new public construction; for whom it is ostensibly built and by whom it is actually and ultimately used.
14. Changes in towns; buildings going up, buildings taken over by the government, and reasons for it.

D. Labor:

1. Stakhanovite movement.
2. Data on enslavement of labor.
3. Pictures and reports relating to voluntary labor.
4. Lack of presence of safety equipment in factories.

E. Educational Aspects:

1. Revision of textbooks.

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2. Use of school children to check the political inclinations of their parents.

3. Content of confidential circulars to teachers.

F. Religion:

1. Reports on anti-religious material in books, pamphlets, posters, party instructions (where available, the full texts in their original language).

G. Cultural Aspects:

1. Deprivation of the people's cultural heritages, i.e., language, literature, opera, folk music, folk lore; social policies offending ancient traditions.

2. Satellite sports festivals in which the Soviets compete; disputes arising between satellite teams and Soviet teams over the outcome of athletic contests; evidence that the Soviets enter only those events which they are quite certain to win.

H. Public Morale:

1. Evidence of continuing anxieties, complaints, gripes and frustrations.

2. Optimistic or pessimistic rumors.

3. Interest in current events as affecting the individual.

4. Public apathy and indifference to the regime.

I. Public Attitudes:

1. Reactions in specific localities to specific acts and policies of the regime.

2. Reactions to the presence of Russians in satellite countries.

3. Prejudices caused by Communist activities.

J. Personalities:

1. Information is desired on key members of satellite governments. Soviet "advisers" and officials, officials of local CP organizations, known collaborators, prominent pro-Communist actors, writers, artists, clergymen, editors, scientists, trade union leaders, radio announcers, officials of local influence—police chiefs, district political leaders, youth leaders.

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2. Types of information desired include:

a. Personal abnormalities:

(1) Physical: disfigurement, disease (chronic or not), peculiar gait.

(2) Emotional: hysteria, melancholia, violent temper, nightmares, extravagance, miserliness, belief in superstition and fortune tellers, absent-mindedness, kleptomania, apprehensiveness (bodyguard, bullet-proof car or clothing), frequent and/or foolish gambling, diagnosed insanity.

(3) Physico-emotional: extreme appetites (gluttony, intemperance), stammering or other speech defects, alcoholism, drug addiction, epicene behavior or appearance.

(4) Mental level: illiteracy, stupidity, failure in school or university.

(5) Moral: sexual perversion, cruelty, cowardice, treachery, dishonesty, infidelity, filthy-mindedness, cheating at games.

(6) Social: gross manners, physical filth, secret marriage or divorce, bastardy (self, wife, children), maintenance of mistresses, loud voice, love of ostentation (jewelry, gaudy clothing), unpunctuality.

(7) Legal: criminal record or practices.

(8) Religious: atheism, non-Christianity.

(9) Commercial: bankruptcy, failure.

b. Ideological disillusionment and straddling, as evinced by:

(1) Preparation for own overthrow or defection (investments, bank accounts in the West).

(2) Profiteering for self or friends.

(3) Callous dealings with public or followers.

(4) Contact with the West, ideological, social or intellectual.

(5) Previous public statements subsequently recanted.

c. Ostensibly praiseworthy deeds that would lend themselves to cynical interpretation.

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d. Personal Information:

- (1) Telephone number, automobile license, home address.
- (2) Details of personal appearance: color of hair and eyes, conspicuous features, height and weight, physique, clothing.
- (3) Nervous habits: tics, chain-smoking, repeated gestures, whistling (what tunes?).
- (4) Hobbies.
- (5) Special talents: music, sleight-of-hand.
- (6) Interest in sports.
- (7) Preference in food, drink, tobacco, clothing.
- (8) Pets (kind, names).
- (9) Bank accounts (how many, size, where).
- (10) Description of home and/or office.
- (11) Membership in organizations and clubs.
- (12) Favorite jokes, gestures, phrases, songs, books, articles of clothing.

K. Miscellaneous:

1. News of towns: fires, non-political crimes, evidence of corruption.
2. Items of gossip, jokes, amusing stories, anecdotes told about Communist leaders, street conversations.